



Catalog Archive Server

Design and Performance Overview

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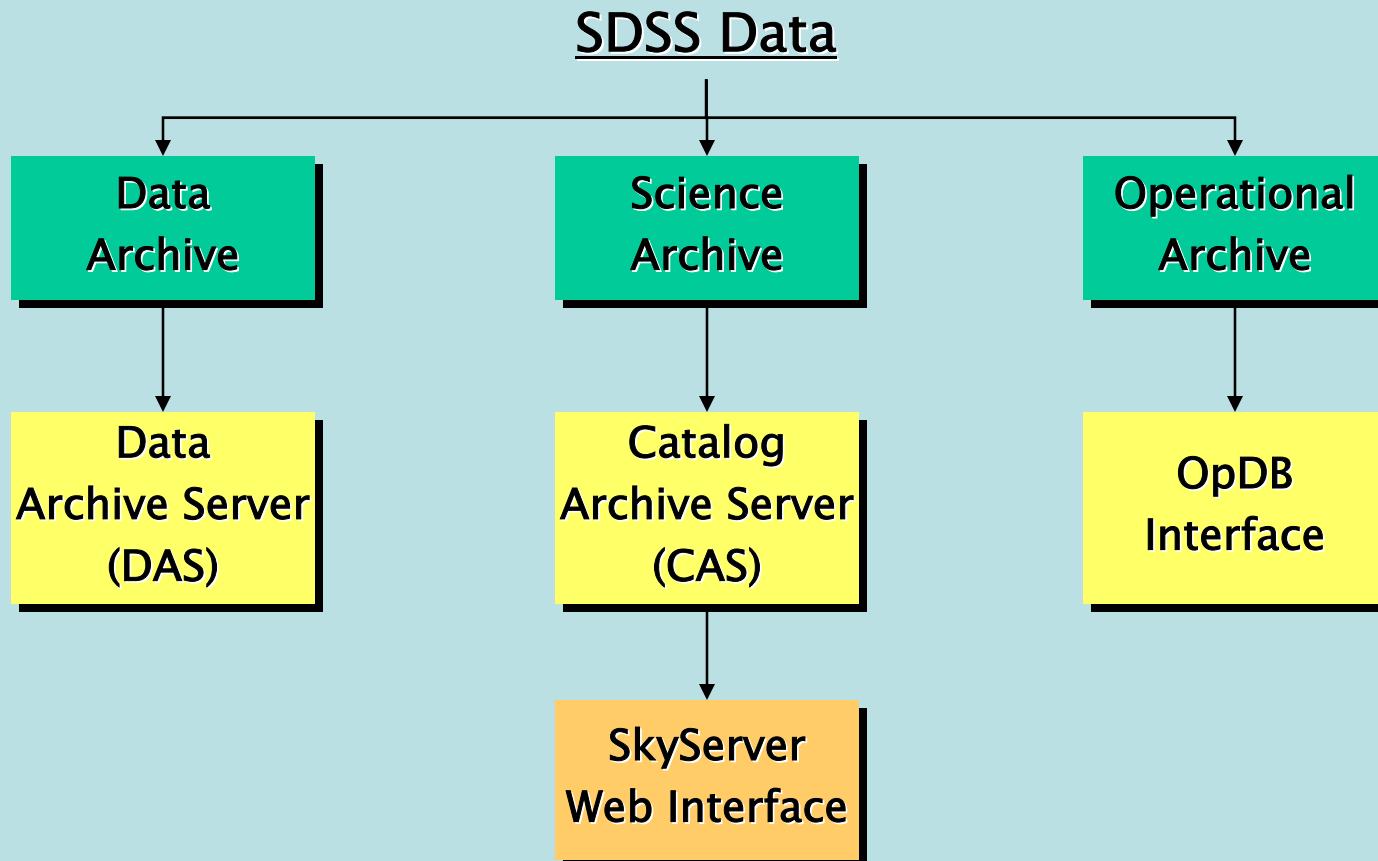
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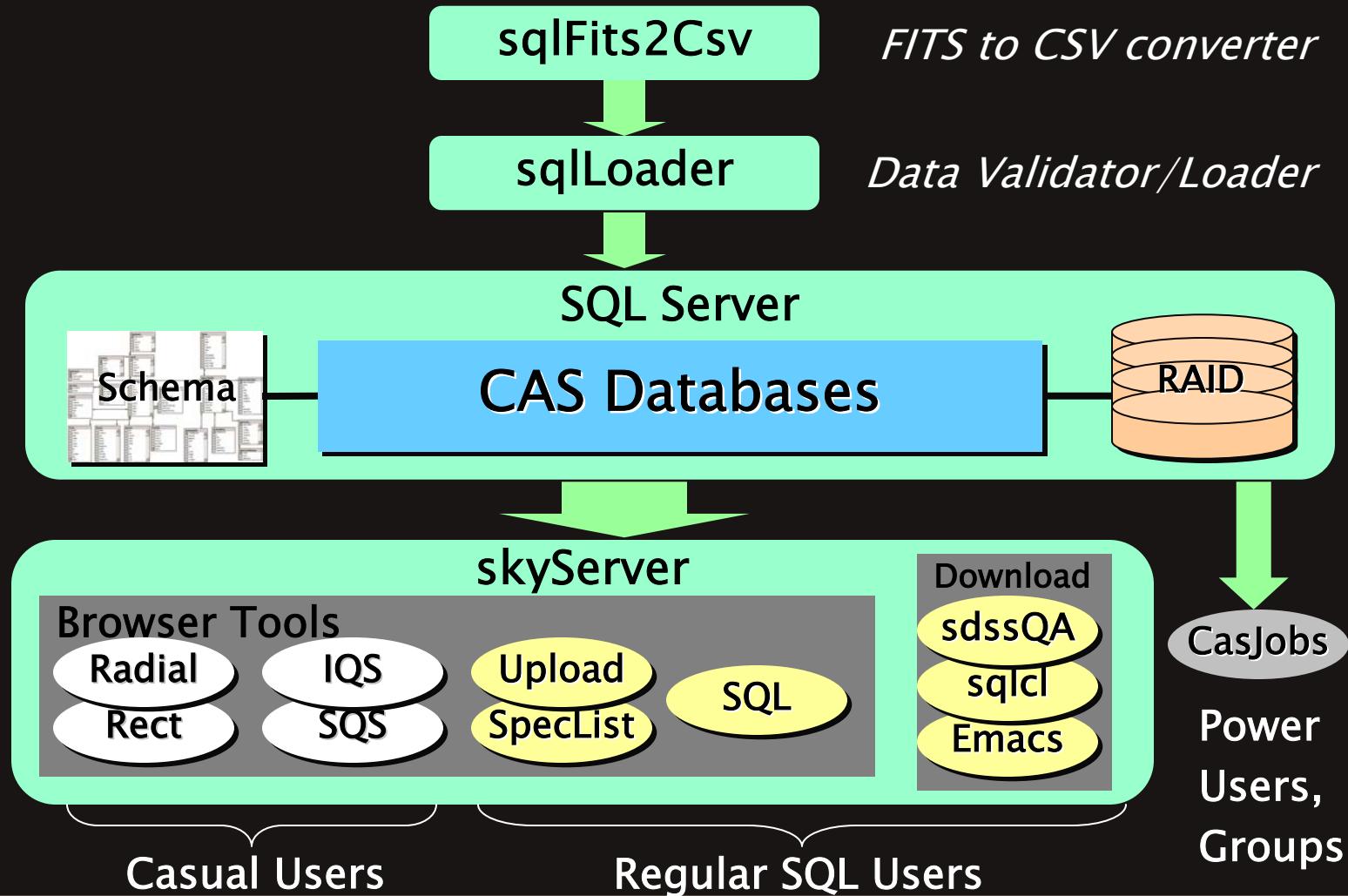
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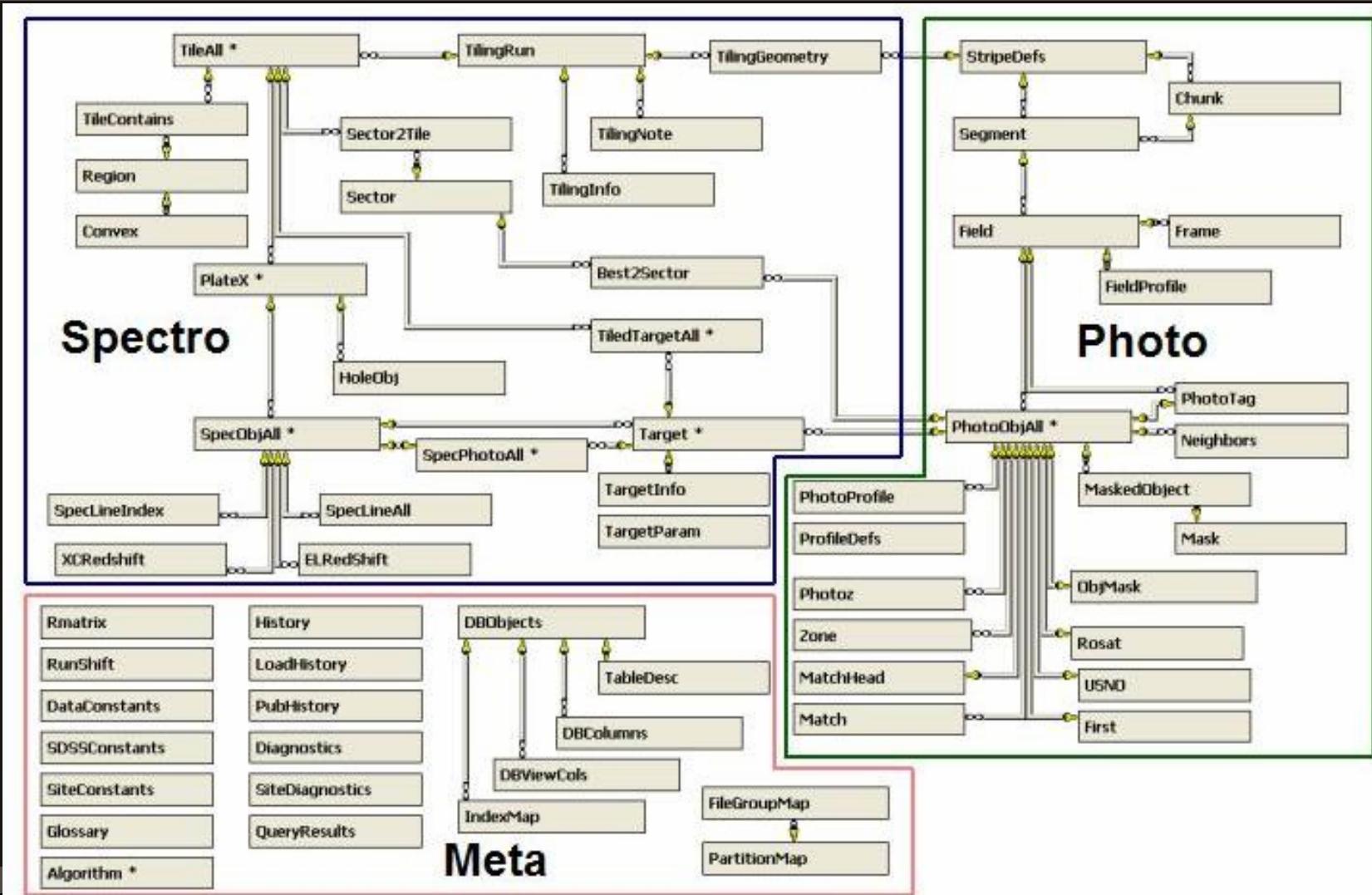
Science Archive Requirements

- Calibrated object catalogs
 - PhotoObj and associated tables
- Spectroscopic parameters
 - SpecObj and associated tables
- References to atlas images and extracted spectra
 - Atlas outlines and specline information in catalog
- Ability for manual target selection
- Ability to extract subsets of data
 - Size of subsets limited by network bandwidth
- Smooth transition to public distribution
 - Online access, mirror sites

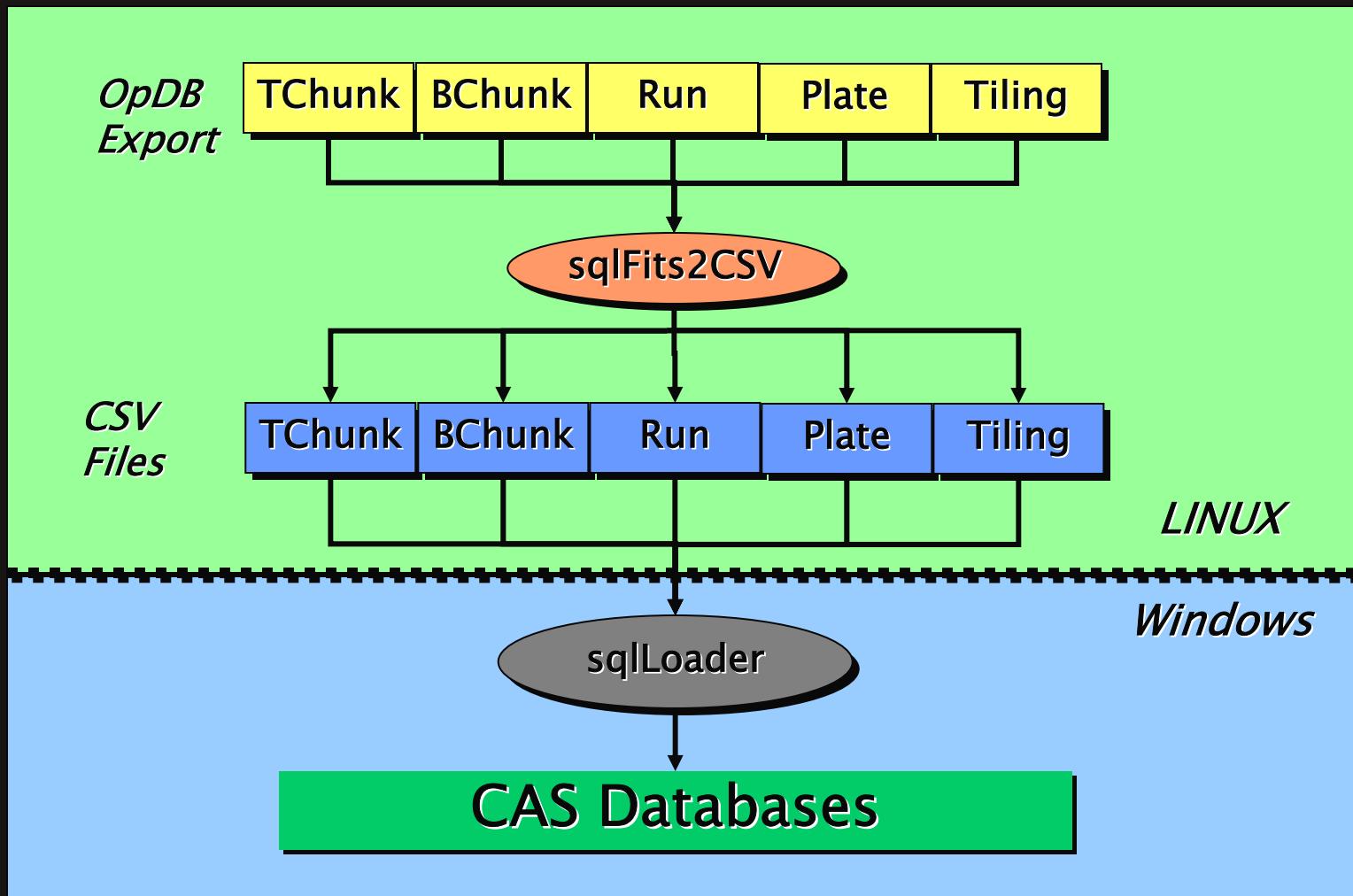
Design Overview



CAS Data Model



Loading Data Flow

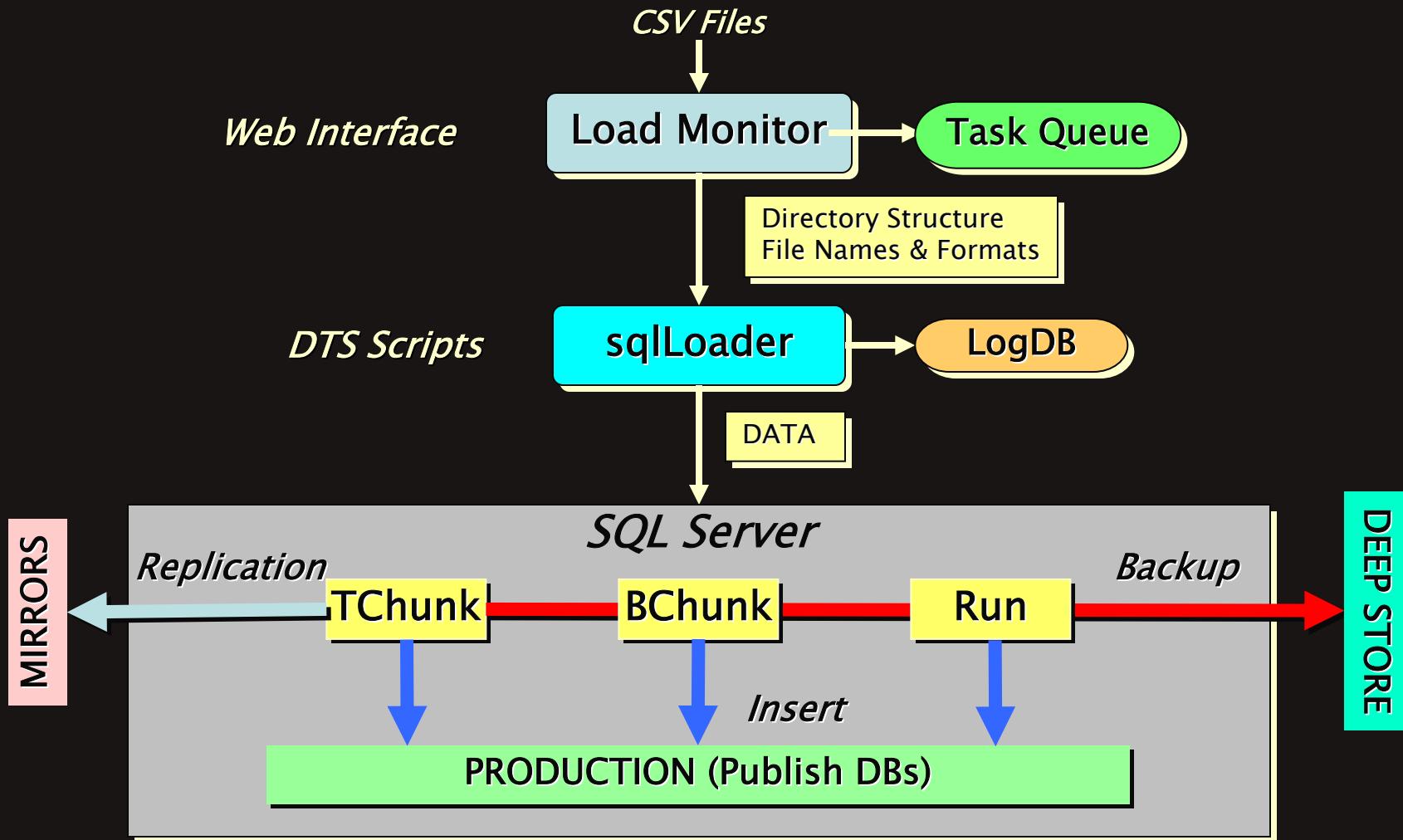


sqlLoader

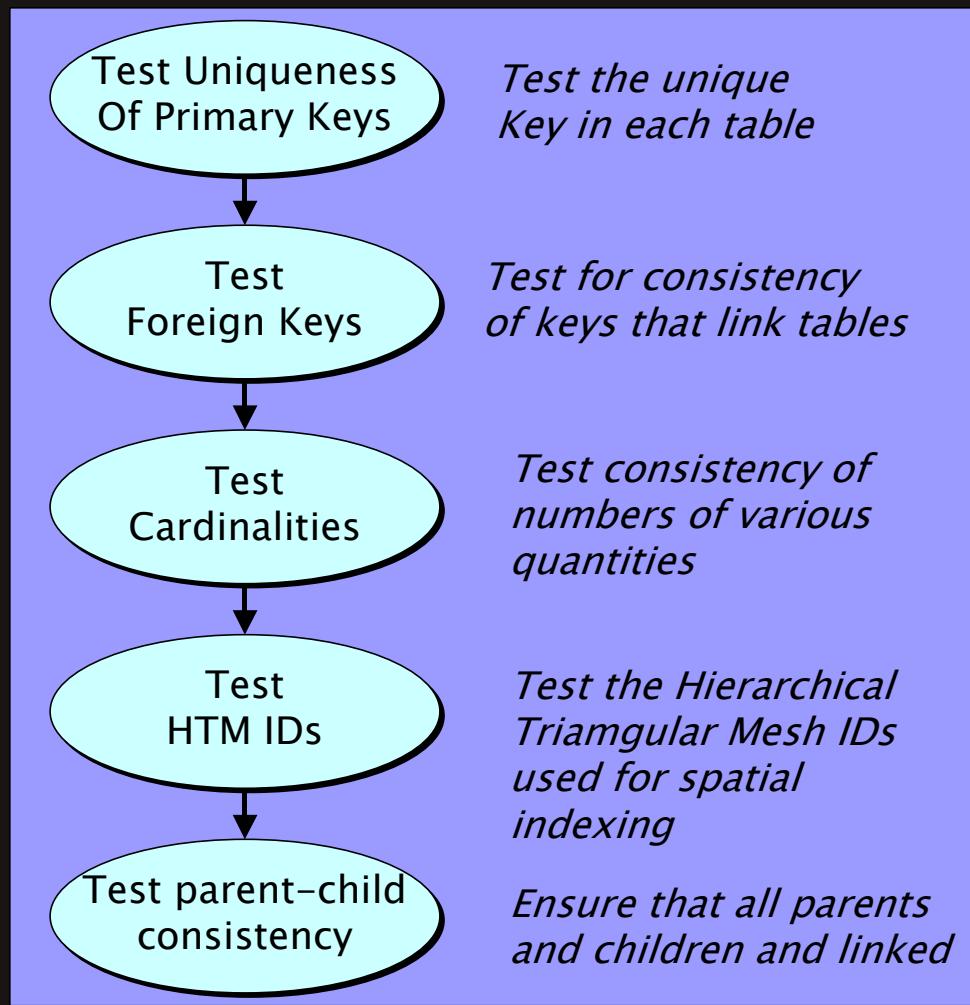


- Distributed workflow system
- System of scripts & procedures for data loader
 - SQL scripts, stored procedures
 - VBS scripts, DTS packages
 - Used linked servers, SQL agent jobs to automate multi-server loading
- Load Monitor (admin) web interface
 - Submit and monitor loading tasks
 - Cancel (kill) tasks
 - Monitor loadserver cluster
- Thorough data validation scripts
 - Most errors are in input data
 - This is our one chance to get the data right

sqlLoader Flow

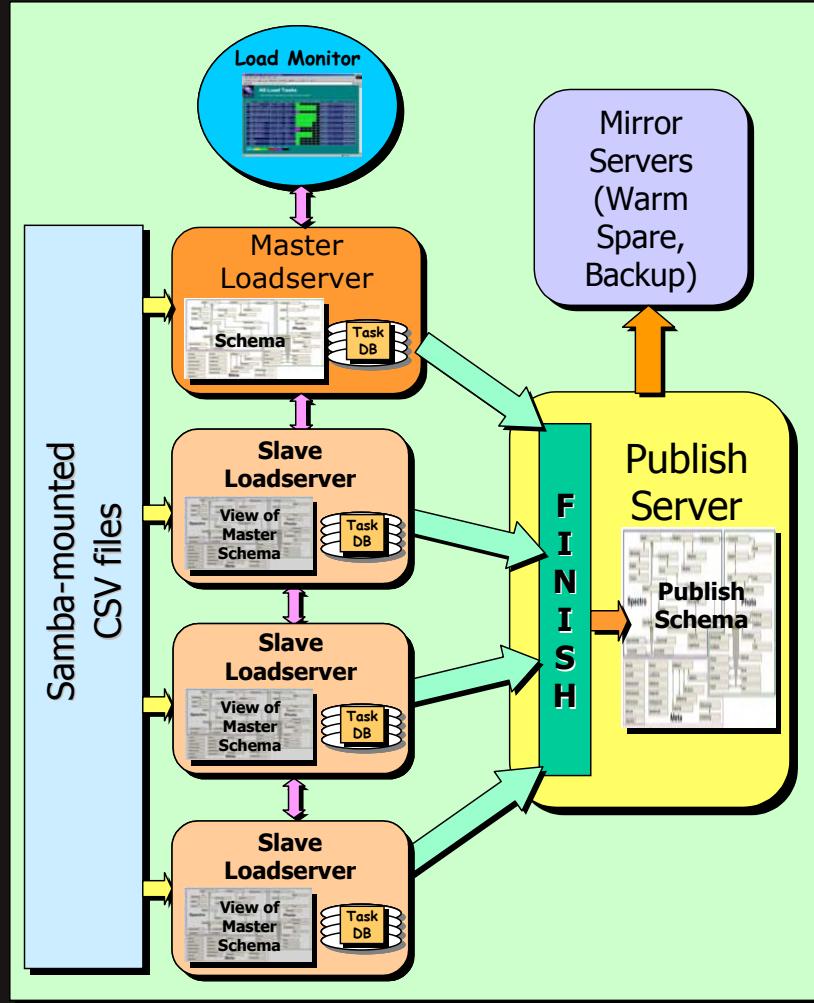


sqlLoader Data Validation

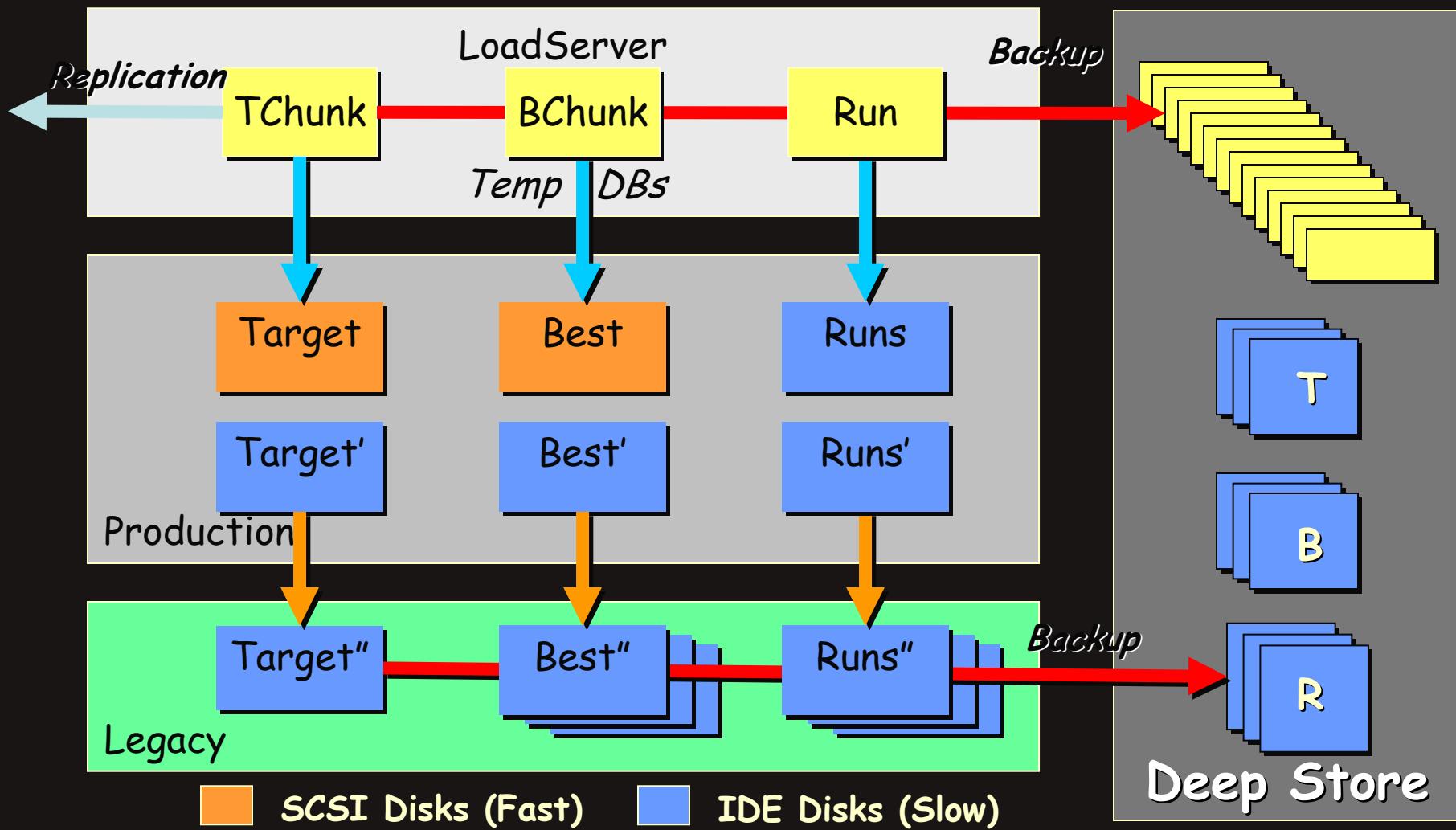


sqlLoader Distributed Loading

- Master/Slave servers
- Loading in parallel
 - Each slave server has remote *view* of schema
- Publishing sequential
 - Finish/Merge step
 - Pull data from loadservers
- Configuration can be changed
 - Additional loadservers can be added later



Archive Backup Strategy

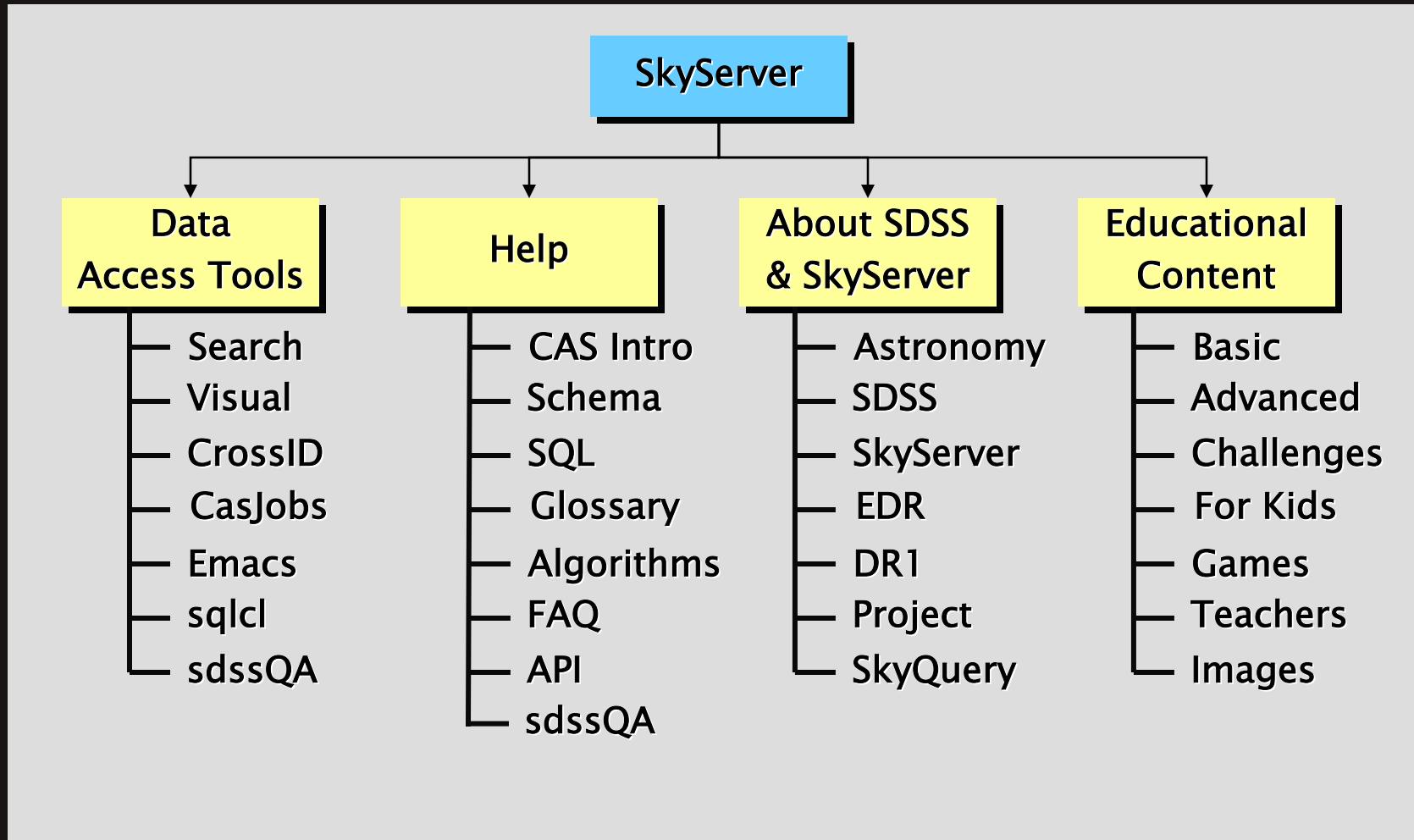


Loading Strategy



- Public data releases reloaded from scratch
 - Usually involves reprocessing of data
 - 2 backups of master archive maintained
 - Storage requirement: $6 \times$ size of archive
 - Leaves enough room for CSV files and task DBs
- Collaboration data incrementally loaded
 - Starting point is backup of public release
- Ability to back out changes
 - Delete and reload a chunk
 - Currently must be done manually
 - Needs to be integrated into loader scripts

SkyServer Front End



CAS Documentation



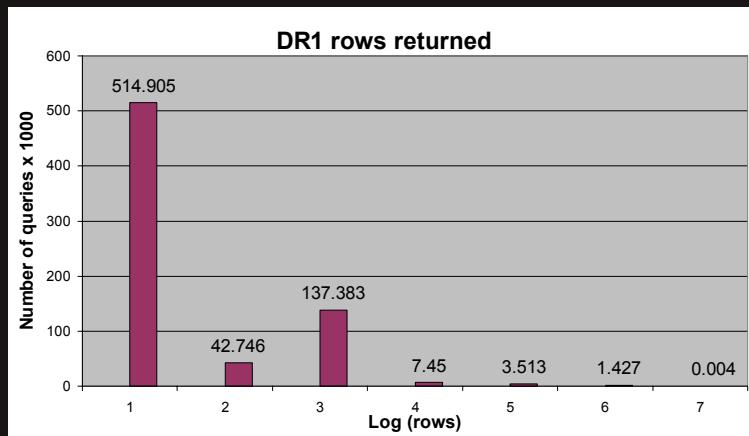
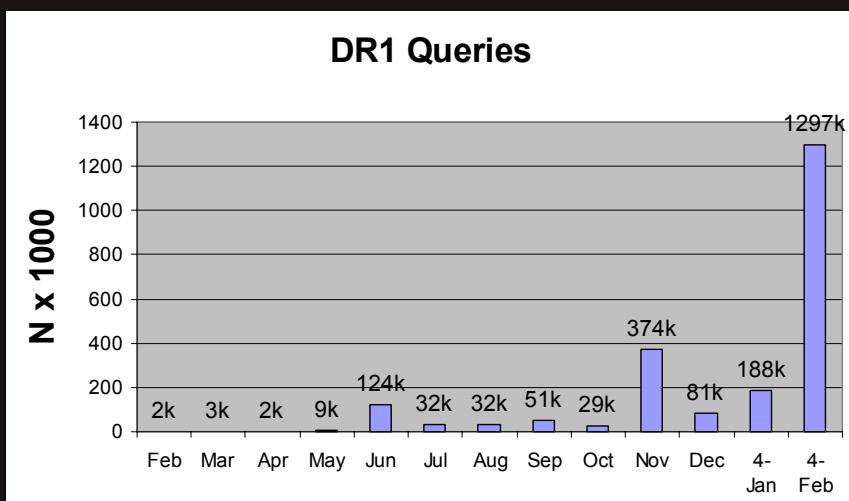
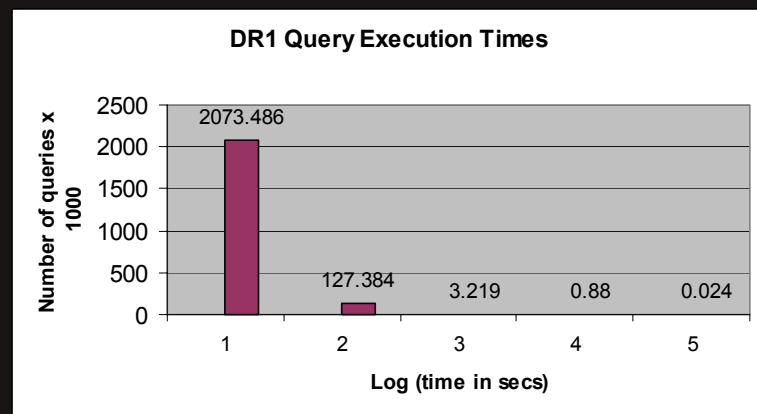
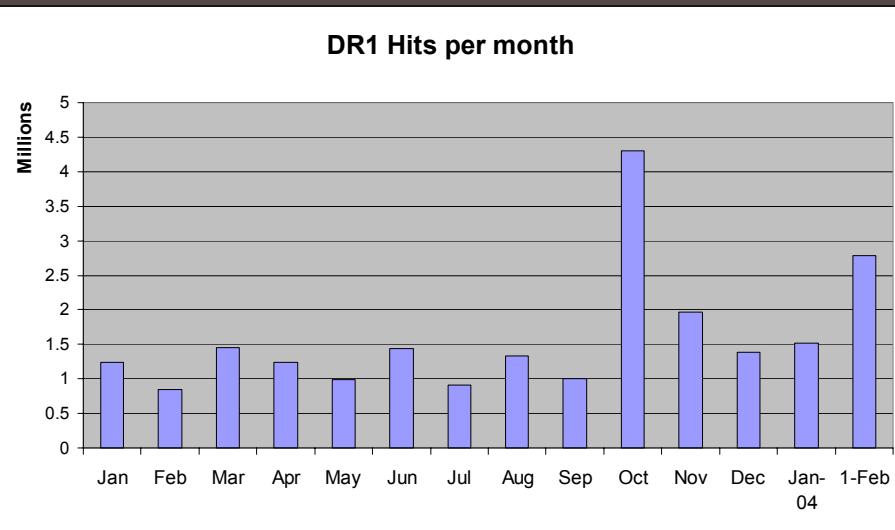
- Lot of it checked into DB, auto-generated
 - Table, view, function, column, indices
 - Auto-generated Schema Browser
 - Glossary and Algorithms
- CAS Intro
 - Data model and data access tools
- FAQ
- API – direct access to skyserver tools
- SQL intro
- sdssQA
- Sample Queries
- sqlLoader User Guide, loader workflow steps

DR1 Experience

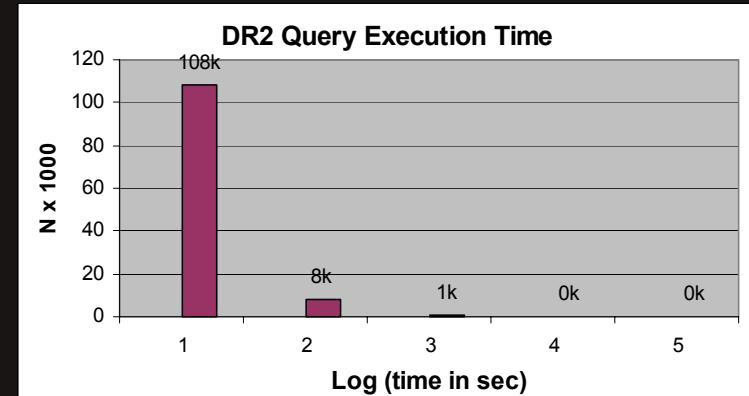
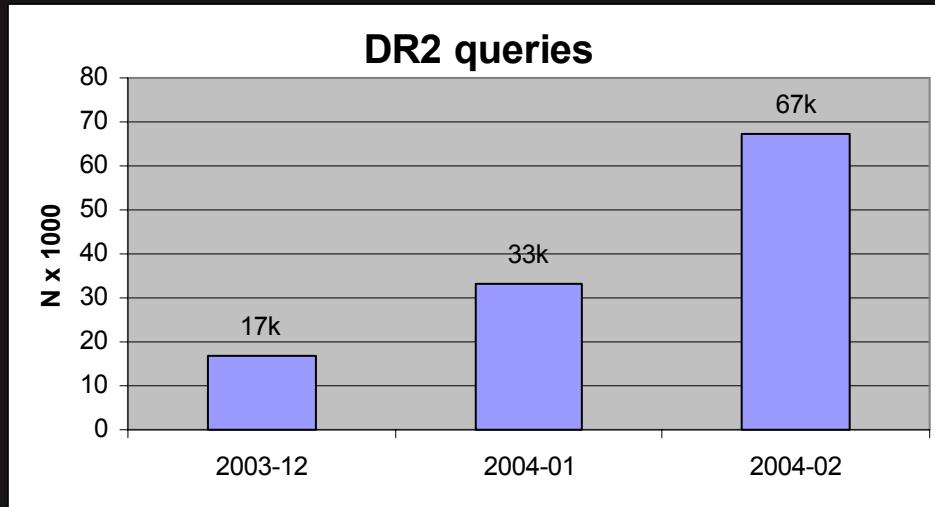


- Public Release June, 2003
- Site upgraded October, 2003
 - New look & feel
 - Enhanced documentation and tools
- Overview of 2003 usage
 - Over million hits/month average on website
 - Vast majority of queries fast (under 1 minute)
 - Very small fraction of slow queries
 - Significantly slows down server and affects everyone

DR1 Usage



DR2 Usage



- Same usage patterns as DR1
- Many short queries, few long ones

